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EDITORIAL OPINION

IT POINTS TO 1965

Save for the Dedication of the rebuilt McLean House in 1950, the Times-Virginian knows of no occasion when Appomattox has received such valuable publicity as on the 90th anniversary of peace here. We have an amazing collection of articles, well written and generously illustrated, appearing in issues of many, many publications just before, on or just after April 9, anniversary date of the ending of the War Between the States.

This valuable publicity will add greatly to the nation's interest in an early completion of the Restoration at Old Appomattox Court House.

It also lays the groundwork for planning a tremendous observance here in April 1965, 100th anniversary. In fact, that future observance was the theme of many of the articles this past week.

There are preliminary plans for observations all during the period 1961-65, for the century-end after the War Between the States. These plans are not set as to when and where all observances will be held. But all of them envision a grand climax at Appomattox April 9, 1965.

This is all to the good. Appomattox people will unite to cooperate in any and every way possible to the end that America will never forget the great shrine to peace centered at the home of Wilmer McLean.

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REVIEW OF THE NEW SOUTH

(The New York Times)

The Virginia Quarterly Review, which is published at the University of Virginia and in a West Range office once designed by Thomas Jefferson as a student dining hall, is thirty years old and celebrates its birthday with a Spring Aniversary Number. Though the original design for the Quarterly was to make it what it has become, "a national journal of literature and discussion," in its birthday issue the magazine looks through its window todward the Southern region.

This Southern journal looks toward a South of rapid change from agrarianism to industrialization. Twenty years ago a group of Southern writers and educators met in a hotel atop Chattanooga's Lookout Mountain for a notable three-day discussion of the South's future. A group then called "the Nashville agrarians," which included some of the region's most gifted writers, was represented by some of its most eloquent voices. There was a looking back toward a South of plantations and gracious living. There was a looking forward toward a new South of a multitude of small farms operated by their owners, which Mr. Jefferson had envisioned. There were visions of an industrial future.

Today in the new South there is a growing multitude of small farm owners. Heavy shadows which share-cropping and tenancy once cast upon the economy of the region are vanishing. Urbanization and industrialization lead the South toward a future in which the nature of its regionalism (in the Howard W. Odum phrase) will change. Rupert B. Vance of the University of North Carolina looks at the "urban break-through" in the region in The Virginia Quarterly Review's study of the new South, and V. O. Key searches out the political implications of change in the section. In Mr. Key's felicitous phrase, change may bring "the erosion of sectionalism."

Change does not always come with a measured pace. Now the South faces the perplexities that come in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision of May 17, 1954 (soon to be implemented by formal decrees), declaring segregation of the races in the public schools unconstitutional. As to this Southern problem, Frank P. Graham urges "The Need for Wisdom" and tolerance and understanding. The Virginia Quarterly Review looks at the new South bravely from a window through which much light comes.

THE VITAL LINK

(Selected)

"No Man Lives Alone" is the title of a talk by G. Joseph Minetti of the Federal Maritime Board. A brief quotation indicates the title's significance: "The United States is the world's largest consumer of raw materials, so large that we can no longer supply our own needs. Grim as it may seem to people long accustomed to abundance of natural resources, we are now dependent upon foreign imports not only for luxuries but also for vital necessities."

This is not all. Great numbers of jobs in this country depend upon our exports. As an example, one passenger car and truck out of every 20 produced in this country in a recent year went abroad. As Mr. Minetti said, "Certainly it is important to the American auto workers on the assembly line that ships stand ready to distribute our finished products abroad." In the same year, more than $11,000,000 in processed milk left the farms of the three states of Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri alone, and traveled across ocean trade routes to foreign areas. Of this, Mr. Minetti said, "The vital link to these areas for American farmers and dairymen is the American-flag merchant fleet."

That emphasis on "The American Flag" ships is all important. Dependence on foreign merchant marines, even those of our stoutest allies, would be potentially suicidal in this area. In another war or even a lesser emergency their services could be denied to us overnight. In ocean shipping, we must rely upon our own resources—and we must have a merchant marine large enough and modern enough to justify that reliance — three terrible wars have already proved that.

LOOKING TO "FRIDAY"

(Contributed)

Practically all of us can look forward to Friday because to most of us it means that another week-end has arrived. The week-end is a time for pleasure and relaxation. There's that tennis game we had planned, a picnic with the family, and perhaps a golf game with our neighbor. It's the time for going to church, fixing things about the house, cleaning out the atic, and watching television.

The week-ends are all of those things—except on the highways. In 1954, 13,980 persons were killed and 678,000 were injured in week-end accidents, according to figures compiled and released by The Travelers Insurance Companies. Thirty-nine per cent of the deaths and 35 per cent of the injuries were recorded on Saturdays and Sundays in 1954.

The most dangerous day of the week for driving is Saturday. One good reason is that more cars are traveling the highways on Saturdays than on any day. There is another important feature which sets this day apart from the others. For too many people, Saturday night is a time when drinking, and driving are combined.

Week-ends should indeed be happy ones for everyone. Let's try and make it that way. Will you?

ROOT-STRENGTH OF OUR NATION'S YOUTH

(Selected)

Each year, in the second week in April, National Sunday School Week is observed. This year, the Laymen's National Committee offers two worthwhile thoughts on behalf of the week's annual observance, April 11 - 17.

One is that each day, at 6:00 P. M., our young people offer a silent prayer for boys and girls behind the Iron Curtain, asking that they too will have the freedom to pray and that peace among nations will be realized. The other is that all of our young people, regardless of creed, attend Sunday School. These are splendid goals. Sunday Schools are the root-strength of our nation's youth. They are thus the root-strength of our future.

BEHAVIOR IN SUPERMARKETS

(Hartford, Conn., Courant

That peculiarly American institution, the supermarket, has just been given a going-over by a group of marketing experts. They have been studying the habits of the American housewife and her spouse. They have come up with some interesting observations, and are now aware of the things that irritate Mr. and Mrs. America most.

The checkout line is the bottleneck and the pain in the neck. Running second in complaints is the feeling that two-way traffic in the aisles is a nuisance, particularly for men who beef that women walk along aimlessly (just like women drivers, one fellow said).

Nearly everybody can find fault with nearly everybody else. The clerks say the women can't find their money. They say that men pile the goods improperly, and spoil a lot of stuff. The men say the women congregate with their wagons and stall traffic. The women say the clerks punch out the costs too fast so they don't know if they're being charged the correct rates. They also complain that men seem to have extra large orders, and it's murder to get in the checkout line behind the male shopper.

The experts gave out with three-pronged advice:

1. Make out a list and put the meat purchases down first, the others in the order they will be met.

2. At the counter, place canned goods near the clerk, then the bulky ones, then the perishables. That's the way they go into the bag.

3. Milk cartons and cellophane packages should be stood on end. Finally, if you don't like standing in line, say the experts, do your shopping in the early morning before school starts. Other housewives are busy at home getting the kids to school, and you can have the place to yourself, nearly.

UNPOPULAR TAX

(Winchester Star)

In its year-by-year expansion of social security, the government has now included part-time domestic workers such as cleaning women, baby sitters, grass cutters, etc. If the occasional worker makes more than $50 in any three months, the employer is ordered to withhold 2 per cent from his or her pay and contribute an additional 2 per cent. This is then due the federal government as revenue.

A nationwide survey discloses this expansion of social security affects several hundred thousand part-time servants, but the tax is being resisted on both sides. Employers term it the greatest nuisance yet perpetrated by the federal government. Many of the domestic workers object to the withholding tax for one reason or another.

Department of Internal Revenue says it isn't worried, that it will try to "educate" employers and servants. If the response is unfavorable, then "other means" will be tried.

An off-the-cuff judgment might be that if the federal government continues to meet mass resistance in this field, it would do well to call the whole thing off.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, Times-Virginian,

At the end of 1952, Virginia's annual traffic fatalities were reduced from the 999 of 1951 to 960 and this marked the first such reduction since the 1947 toll was below that of 1946. This beneficial trend, I believe firmly, owes much to legislation enacted early in 1952 and directed against the operator's license of the individual operator. However, it owes also more than can be measured to the wholehearted support of the Press, Radio and Television of Virginia. Again and again, they approved of these measures and placed before the public in no uncertain terms exactly what violators could expect.

This trend continued through 1953 when deaths numbered 904. The General Assembly met again in 1954 and once more heavy support was given to the "second offense" speed law and this was instrumental in its retention. That year traffic laws were strengthened and the use of radar was approved.

Again, our publicity media warned the public and pointed out the benefits obtained from these legislative measures. Thus another healthy reduction was obtained in 1954 when deaths dropped to 810.

We continued to gain ground this year and on March 18 were 42 deaths less than for the coresponding period of 1954. Today, this gain has been cut to 27 deaths and struggle to hold our ground are competing against a pe[riod] last year in which salutary ty was at its highest and the best results. Now, there real "news" except that pe[ople] dying unnecessarily on our ways at the rate of about two.

It is my belief that man[y] of themselves can accompli[sh] It is the corrective measure out to the violator that co[unts] department will pursue its firm, impartial enforcement rests alone cannot turn State Police arrests for fenses are now running ly 7.7 per cent above those year.

Will you please consider to mold favorable public and acceptance of the fact gerous driving is anti-social and not to be condoned. know, sporadic safety cannot accomplish permanent provement. The situation is when we refer to the 810 last year as a "good" year.

With your help we have seen three straight years reduction but the going will in the future and unprod[uctive] out your continued aid.

Sinecrely,

C. W. Woodson,

Chairman, Governor's High[way] Safety Committee.

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Seemed a bargain to Bud and me—at first. But soon we discovered it was no more fun playing alone than working alone. It wasn't long before we were sharing the wagon in return for sharing the chores.

From where I sit, you can't enjoy a privilege yourself if you're going to deny it to others. There are some folks who want the right to enjoy *their* favorite beverage—but would deny me *my* right to an occasional glass of beer. I doubt if such people get their full "share" of happiness, though.

Joe Marsh

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Services at the Central Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. David Ferguson and daughter, Betty Jane, of Alvasta visited Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Marsh and children, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall visited Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mr. Marsh on Sunday.

G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle were in Lynchburg on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwell Powell and son, Ray, of Lynchburg were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mr. Marsh Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Reed and children, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. John Moore and family.

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Vera

Vera, April 12.- We certainly had a beautiful Easter Day. So many attended church and it was a real home-coming day, too, and it seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Harriette and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Coleman Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Coleman on Saturday.

The children enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt at New Hope on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harvey, Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mrs. Willie Moses on Monday night.

There was a good crowd at New Hope on Sunday night to hear the new pastor, Mr. Addington.

It had been 90 years the 9th since the Surrender ending the War Between the States. There is only one old soldier of this War living. He is Albert Woodson, of Duluth, Minn. He is 108 years old.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harvey in Lynchburg on Thursday night.

Miss Patricia Alvis is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Milderd Alvis.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey for the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb and Bonnie; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey, and Mrs. Eva Hayden, Miss Marguerite Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harvey and family and Miss Ada Harvey, Mrs. Jerry Harvey and Caty, Mr. T. C. Harvey, Jr. and family.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, April 12.- Randolph Martin delivered a very inspiring message at Salem Church Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Miss Mamie Cullop, who has been on the sick list for several days, is out again.

Alice Marie Martin entertained a number of friends with an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. W. J. Walton and daughter, Louise visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chaulebois and daughter, Carrie, of Roanoke, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith and Mrs. Georgie Schindler.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ballard and children, of Hampton spent the week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brooks visited Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus Sunday.

William and Mott Simms spent the week-end at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hubbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mayberry, Mrs. C. M. Dunnaway and Miss Betty Jo Dunnaway, and Mr. and Mrs. George Almond were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zastrow, Mr. Elliott Cheatham and Mr. W. E. Martin attended funeral services for Mr. Benjamin Schaubach at Crewe Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne enjoyed a reunion at the Layne home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McDaniel and children, of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chilton.

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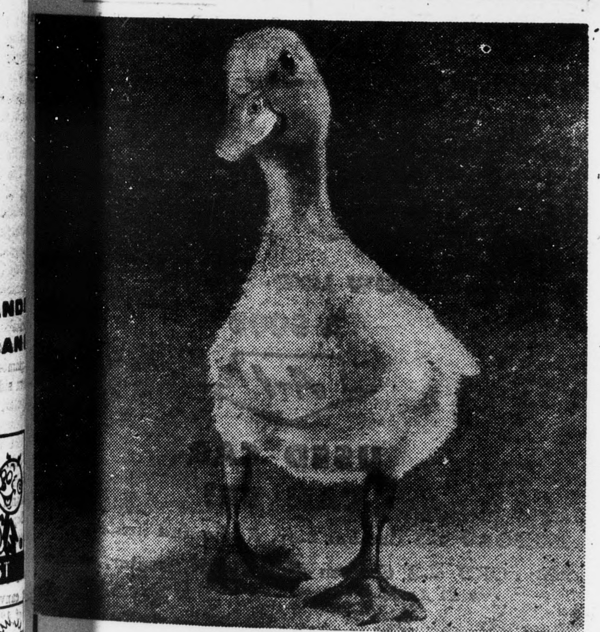

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Old Civil War Soldier's Letter Is Published

(Editor's note: The following letter has been brought to us by Mr. R. A. Hamilton, RFD, Appomattox. It was written by Dr. MacD. Browning to his mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Browning, who lived near the present Hamilton home at the time of the War. Browning later became a druggist in Southwest Virginia. He and his brother are buried on the Hamilton place, Route 656.)

Lewisburg, Va.
June 4, 1863.

Dear Ma,

Your kind letter reached me while Charlie was on his way to Appomattox; therefore, I did not answer immediately, thinking you would rather wait and learn of his safe arrival home. He arrived last Saturday, having been gone eleven days. I am glad to learn that Pa has got a horse for John. I think cavalry much the most desirable arm of service and he was so much opposed to leaving his Company that if he had been forced to do so it would have had a bad effect upon him. I have always believed and still believe that the life of a soldier would be of much advantage to John—for that reason I was never opposed to joining the Army—You should not regret the absence of your children. While it would be pleasant to have them with you, it should be a source of consolation to know that they are doing much better than they could possibly do at home. And while you miss them at meal time and count their vacant seats, you think of their frequent letters informing you of their welafre and be thankful that you have no child who is incapable of providing for himself or who could be induced to stoop to the commission of a mean act.

I am making out very well for clothing. I will need some clothing, socks, etc., in the fall. If you make more geans than you want at home—but I don't want you to slave yourself for me—you have quite enough to work for at home and we can buy cloth here; but still, if you make the cloth it will be very acceptable. I want to try to get to Appomattox in peach time if I can make any business that will pay and if I can get a pair of socks I will be glad, but I can do very well without them. I have no news of interest. The troops in this department are in motion, but what is the intention, I do not know, but it is not thought they will be withdrawn from our defense. Miss Cornie Cabell is here—a very nice girl indeed. She does not favor Gus, but she reminds me of her very much. I expect she will remain here during the summer unless our army goes to Kanawka, in which case she expects to make a visit home.

Tell Boby (brother) he must learn to write and sypher and do as Drury (teacher) tells him and he may come out here and stay with us some of these days. Encourage Jimy (brother(to visit around. No school is as good as good society and if he is kept back now he will always be awkward and miserable.

How does Mollie like Susie? (teacher). I know she learns well if she tries and I know she tries if she likes her teacher and I hope she loves her dearly. Is the orchard full of fruit? Tell Mollie to save me some house apples if she will; put them in a dark, cool place, they will keep a long time.

Your affectionate son,
Mc.

(Editor's note: What do soldiers think about? Same in all wars: of home, their family, food and clothing!)

CANCER DEATHS IN APPOMATTOX

During 1954, there were 10 deaths from cancer in Appomattox County. The ten were divided: 6 white and four Negro.

The total for the state of Virginia: 3,723; of which 2,864 were white and 859 Negro.

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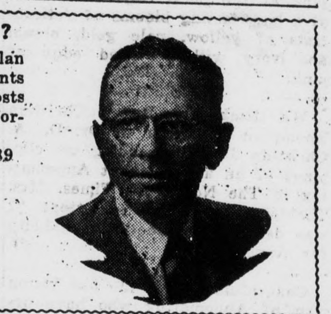

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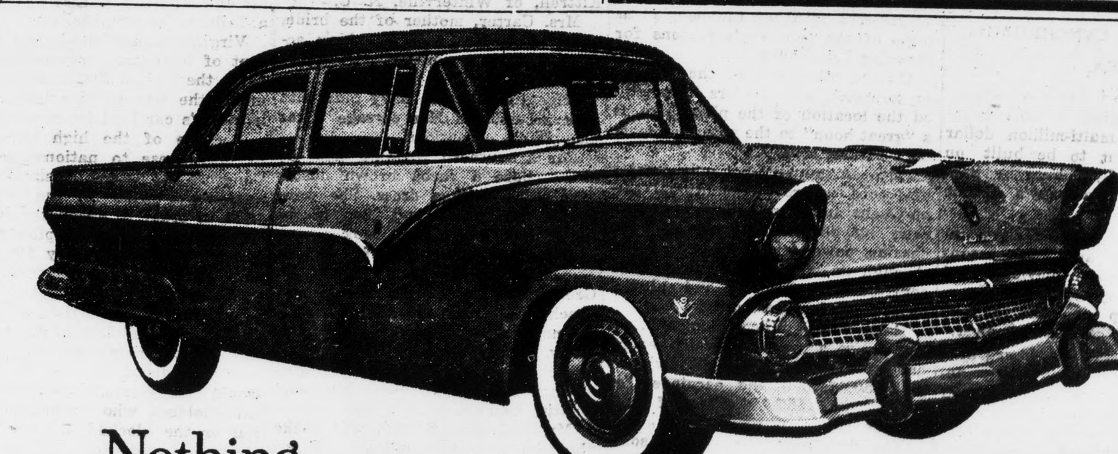

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